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## BRYAN ACCEPTS OFFER BY VILLA

Secretary Announces Benton Investigators Will Ride on Rebels' Special Train.

TO START IN FEW DAYS

Gov. Colquitt Again Asks to Be Allowed to Send Texas Rangers Into Mexico.

Says Villa Was Sergeant in an American Regiment

Newburgh, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Edward Ross, formerly a member of the Tenth Cavalry, stationed at West Point, today declared that Gen. Villa was once sergeant of his company. In this opinion Ross is corroborated by other members of his company.

Chihuahua, Feb. 27.—In conversation tonight with a newspaper correspondent, Gen. Villa referred to his last conversation with William S. Benton. Gen. Villa said that Benton had said to him on that occasion:

"If there is another case like mine to come before you, general, deal with it as you have dealt with me, 'porque no merecen perdon' (they do not merit pardon)."

"You Americans have a game called football, and I am told that it needs a guide or what you call a coach to spur the players on to victory. I want the American government, with President Wilson at its head, to be our coach until we have completely routed our enemies."

Secretary of State Bryan will accept the offer of Gen. Villa of a special train to convey to Chihuahua official representatives of the governments of the United States and Great Britain, including medical officers, to view the body of Benton, the British rancher executed by Villa.

This announcement was made by Mr. Bryan yesterday afternoon, following an hour's conference with the British envoy, Lord Curzon, and the British representative of the United States, Mr. C. C. Carothers, who is now in El Paso, one of two army surgeons, the number not yet having been decided upon, the British consul, Charles Perceval, and such other persons as he may choose to designate, possibly another surgeon; Mrs. Benton, widow of the dead man, whose presence is considered imperative for purposes of identification, and such relatives of Benton as may care to join the party. Secretary Garrison, when communicated with by Secretary Bryan, will ask Gen. Villa to designate one or two army medical officers for the duty of examining Benton's body.

Gov. Colquitt sent another telegram to Secretary Bryan yesterday evening, transmitting the report of Capt. Sanders of the Texas Rangers, on the killing of Vergara, and asking what means were to be taken for the apprehension of the slayers.

Capt. Sanders' report sets forth that a raiding party of five federals, under command of Apolinario Rodriguez, crossed the Rio Grande to a little island on the United States side, where they seized eleven horses belonging to Vergara, and then sent word to the latter to come to the island, ostensibly to receive pay for the commandeered animals.

Shooting of Vergara. Vergara, accompanied by a nephew, crossed in a small boat. When Vergara stepped ashore he was set upon by the Mexicans and pounded into insensibility with the butts of their revolvers. He then was carried to the town of Hidalgo and thrown into jail. On the following Sunday he was taken from jail and started for Piedras Negras, but was shot to death a short distance outside the town.

Vergara, according to Capt. Sanders' information, had a plan to cross the river, signed by Sheriff Sanchez, of Webb County.

Gov. Colquitt, in his telegram to Secretary Bryan, says:

"I do not want to invade Mexico with a mighty force. I asked your co-operation in maintaining the rights and dignity of this State and your consent to allow me to send State officers, who are peace officers, in pursuit of those who are constantly transgressing our laws. Again I ask the President to advise me what is recognized by him as the constituted authority in Mexico."

"I repeat the inquiry and ask whom you recognize as constituted authority in the state of Nuevo Leon, as I desire to present requisitions to proper authorities of that state for the surrender of fugitives from Texas justice, notably those responsible for the death of Vergara."

No Note from Huerta. Secretary Bryan yesterday afternoon stated that no note had been received from President Huerta or the Mexican government regarding the embargo on arms, and the consequences thereof. It is known that it was handed to Charge d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy in common with all other diplomatic representatives in Mexico City, and Charge d'Affaires Alcala, of the Mexican Embassy here, was

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SHE MUST PAY TAX ABROAD.

Former Mrs. Marshall Field Assessed \$50,000 on Income.

London, Feb. 27.—Mrs. Baldwin Drummond, formerly Mrs. Marshall Field, of Chicago, must pay an income tax of \$50,000 to the British government. Her appeal against the assessment was dismissed today by the high court, which held that she was subject to the laws of England.

The tax was levied upon money which Mrs. Drummond receives from the United States.

## FAVORS FEDERAL SUPERVISION.

James J. Hill Disapproves State Railway Commissions.

New York, Feb. 27.—James J. Hill today declared that he believed supervision of railroad securities by the Interstate Commerce Commission would be better than by forty-eight State commissions, as at present.

Asked if he favored government ownership of railroads, he said:

"If the government will put reins on the active people and provide them with food and raiment this would be a fine country. After that the government might undertake to arrange the weather."

## JUDGMENT AGAINST EX-ENVOY.

New York Bankers File Transcript, Calling for \$74,853.37.

New York, Feb. 27.—Roy Pynchon & Co., bankers and brokers, have filed in the Supreme Court here the transcript of a judgment for \$74,853.37 against John Pynchon, former ambassador from the United States to Turkey and to Germany.

The judgment was obtained in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, and has not been paid. The plaintiff will attempt to collect it in this State.

## ANOTHER AMERICAN VANISHES IN JUAREZ.

A. S. Thurmond, El Paso Attorney, Has Not Been Seen Since Night He Crossed Border.

PERCEVAL TAKING TESTIMONY

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 27.—Another American has vanished mysteriously after leaving El Paso for a visit to Juarez. Friends of A. Seymour Thurmond, prominent attorney of this city, have notified the local police and the officials of the army here of his disappearance. The fear is expressed that Mr. Thurmond met with foul play.

Three weeks ago tonight Mr. Thurmond left this city for a visit to Juarez. He was seen there on the same night by many El Paso people. Since then, however, no word has been heard from him.

The secret investigation carried on by British Consul Charles Arthur Perceval and the receipt of instructions by George C. Carothers, special representative of the United States, to delay the trip to Chihuahua, where he is to conduct the investigation into the Benton killing, were the only developments in the Benton affair today.

Mr. Perceval declined to discuss any phase of the matter. The representatives of the State Department have learned nothing new in the case. They would not divulge the contents of messages received from the Department of State.

During the day Consul Perceval was busy taking testimony. He refused to make public the names of witnesses examined. Among the more prominent was former Gov. George Curry, New Mexico; James Hamilton, refugee from Mexico and leader of the British colony at El Paso; Mrs. William S. Benton, widow, and William Benton, cousin and partner of the slain man.

Gen. Hugh L. Scott, commander at Fort Bliss, was asked the whereabouts of Perceval at El Paso and paid a call to his rooms.

The orders received by Deputy United States Consul Carothers to delay the trip to Chihuahua, are believed to have been issued in order that he might be accompanied by a commission to view the body, which was permitted by Villa.

Many Mississippians have volunteered their services to Texas, should Texas see fit to cross the border in an effort to protect Americans.

## DECLARED IN CONTEMPT.

Referee Takes Action Against Three Wealthy Philadelphians.

Newark, N. J., Feb. 27.—Thomas A. James, George Shaw, and J. Hill Denton, wealthy Philadelphians, were declared in contempt of court today by Referee Atwood L. Dacosta for failing to appear at a hearing in an action brought by Harrison P. Lindbury, receiver for the J. W. Green Company, furniture dealers. All the men were connected with the Green company.

Mr. Lindbury charged that installment leases, valued at about \$450,000, were transferred illegally in the interests of certain creditors in Philadelphia and Trenton, N. J.

## MILK COOLING PLAN AROUSES DAIRYMEN

Montgomery County Dealers Say Suggestion, if Carried Out, Would Ruin Small Shippers.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Rockville, Md., Feb. 27.—Dairymen of Montgomery County who ship milk into Washington are considerably exercised over a letter sent to each of them by Dr. William C. Woodward, health officer for the District, which suggests that milk, in order to reach the consumer in proper condition, should be cooled immediately after milking and kept under a temperature of 50 degrees.

It is feared the suggestion may mean that regulation will be adopted, in which event, it is declared, the small shippers would be forced out of business and the dairy industry generally badly crippled.

It also is contended by the dairymen that for the milk to be at a temperature of 50 degrees on reaching the city it would have to be cooled to a temperature below the freezing point, and that these shippers not forced out of business would be put to such expense that the price of milk would go soaring and the consumers would have to bear it.

## TRY TO SLEEP IN CHURCH.

Jobless Men Follow I. W. W. Speakers' Advice.

New York, Feb. 27.—Following a meeting in Rutgers Square today, where the unemployed were advised by I. W. W. leaders to take possession of churches for sleeping places, fifteen men entered a Baptist church on Second avenue tonight. They sat in the back pews and announced their intention of remaining all night.

Rev. Dr. Pierce, the pastor, explained that he had no authority to grant permission for them to sleep in the church, as that right belonged to the trustees. Three policemen were called in. The fifteen at first were inclined to be unruly until threatened with arrest, when they left the church.

Baltimore & Ohio to Baltimore. \$1.25 round trip every Saturday & Sunday, good returning until 9 a. m. Monday. All trains both ways both days.—Adv.

## HUSBAND'S LOVE WORTH \$250,000

Wife of Traction Magnate Sues Manufacturer's Widow for Alienation.

'IT'S CUNNING DUPLICITY'

Jilted by Millionaire, Woman Says He Is Using Reconciled Wife to Recover Stocks.

Mrs. Helen Clegg Winters, wife of Valentine Winters, traction magnate of Dayton, Ohio, yesterday filed suit for \$250,000 against Mrs. Susan Huffman, daughter of Frederick T. Darst, manufacturer, alleging that Mrs. Darst alienated the affections of Valentine Winters, and abandoned his home, depriving Mrs. Winters of her husband's comfort.

Mrs. Winters filed suit through Attorneys A. S. Worthington and Charles L. Fralley in the District Supreme Court. Mrs. Darst was served with the papers in her room at the New Willard shortly after the filing of the suit. The case was placed by Mrs. Winters in the hands of a firm of New York lawyers, of which former Attorney General Wickersham is a member. They transferred the suit to Worthington and Fralley.

Louis Kramer, of Cincinnati, Ohio, has been acting for Mrs. Darst and she expects him to defend her in fighting the suit. Mrs. Darst says she has been acting under advice of several other lawyers and will ask all to aid her in the contest. Mrs. Darst asserts she will fight the suit with all her resources. She says she will reveal an interesting story of entanglements.

"I had no idea that the suit was to be filed until the man served me with papers and I read them," said Mrs. Darst last night. "The papers revealed to me the cunning duplicity of the man I loved, the man who loved me. I have stocks worth about \$250,000. I have stocks worth about \$250,000 that were given to me by my husband. He tried to get the stocks away from me. My attorney, Louis Kramer, has been protecting the stocks for me."

"Now, evidently, Valentine Winters has decided he can't force me himself to leave the \$250,000 that he gave me. His wife sues for the same amount, and that significant, considering that Valentine and Mrs. Winters have been reconciled. Oh! it nearly breaks my heart to think such an act has been committed by the man that whispered his love for me in my ear; the man who told me he loved me above all else in the world."

"I thought Valentine the soul of honor, and I gave him all that a woman gives to the man that she loves as a woman can love but one man. He wanted proof of my love. I gave him that. Then he spoke of love mates whose love brought gains to him, and the cases where love thoughts changed to money lost."

"But, dear, Valentine said, 'your love cannot die. I may die though and leave you alone. You must maintain your love for me.'"

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## WINTERS AND WIFE SECLUDED IN PALATIAL RESIDENCE IN DAYTON.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Dayton, Ohio, Feb. 27.—Dayton persons connected with the Winters-Darst case, which known to be in the city, could not be reached tonight. Mr. and Mrs. Winters are living together in their palatial home here, one of the most elaborate in the city, but numerous phone calls and trips to the house failed to meet with response.

The start of the case was brought to light in Dayton several weeks ago, when a local firm of attorneys brought suit against Winters for attorneys' fees, claiming due them for their negotiations with Mrs. Darst when efforts were being made to settle the stock controversy.

The entire case was reviewed in their petition, which proved a shock to Dayton social circles, only a few close friends of the family knowing the true facts regarding Mr. Winters' long absence from the city.

Harrie P. Clegg, brother of Mrs. Winters, was asked about the case tonight. "I know nothing about it," he said. "Who are her attorneys?"

"I don't know a darn thing about it." Four or five years ago Winters brought suit for divorce in the Idaho courts. He was criticized at that time for his action and during the trial of the case he and several witnesses became seriously involved with the court and barely escaped being held for contempt.

Would Force Men Into Army. London, Feb. 27.—A deputation consisting of Field Marshals Roberts, Woods and Grenfell and Admirals Noel and Seymour called upon Premier Asquith today and petitioned him to work in favor of a law making military service of men compulsory.

## SAYS WIFE TOLD GUILTY LOVE.

W. C. Ellis, at Trial, Avoids Reference to How He Killed Her.

Chicago, Feb. 27.—With many details concerning conversations with his wife in the days just before he killed her in a Chicago hotel last fall, but not a word directly touching the manner of her death, William Chesley Ellis today held the attention of the court and the listeners in his trial for wife murder.

He declared his wife had confessed her love for another man, and that he had pleaded with her to return to their Cincinnati home.

"That night we went to the theater," he said. "When we returned I tried to put my arms around her, but she repulsed me. I implored her to go home with me and our two children. She said she could not help it and that she couldn't see how she could treat me that way, because I had always been good to her."

"I don't remember anything further," said Ellis. "My home had been broken up. I simply seemed to give way. The first thing I know I found myself in bed with my arms around Mrs. Ellis. And—and—I saw my darling wife was dead."

## \$10,000,000 WIDOW WINS DECREE.

Mrs. Nevada Van Volkenburgh Divorces Husband for Desertion.

Putnam, Conn., Feb. 27.—Mrs. Nevada Van Volkenburgh, known as the \$10,000,000 widow, this afternoon was granted a divorce from her husband, Philip Van Volkenburgh, of New York.

The case was uncontested. The separation was granted on the ground of desertion.

## AEROS USED TO LOCATE BRIGANDS; 4,000 KILLED

White Wolf's Band Is Routed by Chinese Troops in Two Decisive Battles.

Peking, Feb. 27.—It is officially reported that the White Wolf brigands have been routed in two decisive battles on the Honan-Szechwan border.

Aeroplanes were used in locating the brigands. The regulars then attacked and dispersed them, killing 4,000.

## MRS. BUFFUM IS HELD GUILTY AS POISONER

Verdict Shocks Crowd Which Had Awaited Woman's Acquittal on Charge of Murder.

Little Valley, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Mrs. Cynthia Buffum was found guilty of murder in the first degree at 10:30 o'clock tonight.

The verdict not only stunned the woman and her counsel, but caused a demonstration of astonishment in the courtroom that had been packed with the people of her neighborhood from early morning.

In view of the charge delivered by Justice Brown, the verdict was unexpected even by astute attorneys.

The jury was out five hours and twenty minutes. Mrs. Buffum was confident even smiling at the end of the trial. Justice Brown had charged that if the jury found improper methods had been used to obtain the confession from Mrs. Buffum, they were to acquit her.

When the jury came in at 10:30 o'clock the woman accused of murdering her husband, Willis, her baby son, Norris, her daughter, Laura, and of poisoning the death of the young daughter, Laura, who was poisoned as was her father, could be considered only as a test of the symptoms of areneal poisoning.

Attorneys for the defendant were frankly almost jubilant. When Juror Gere asked gravely if a verdict less severe than that of first degree murder could be considered Mrs. Buffum smiled.

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## DIVORCE COURT TO ALTAR.

Walter Bowne Is Married to Mrs. Adele Taylor Manning.

Philadelphia, Feb. 27.—Walter Bowne, second, and Mrs. Adele Taylor Manning, both of New York, principals in two sensational divorce suits, were married here by Magistrate Glenn.

Mr. Bowne was the husband of Frances Hewitt, an actress, who was a prominent figure in the production of the "Chocolate Soldier," and who eloped to China with Jordan Lawrence Mott, third, of the millionaire family of Trenton, N. J., after deserting Bowne. Bowne obtained a divorce from Mott.

Mrs. Manning was the divorced wife of John P. Manning, who once thrashed Mr. Bowne in public because of his attentions to Mrs. Manning.

## SUFFRAGE STARTS SENATORIAL WAR

Ashurst and Reed Clash Over Vote on Amendment.

WOMEN JOIN IN BATTLE

Suffragist Issues Statement Which Predicts Fight Against Missouriian for Slighting Words.

Senator Ashurst, of Arizona, who has charge of the resolution proposing a Constitutional suffrage amendment, clashed in the Senate yesterday with Senator Reed, of Missouri. Mr. Ashurst wanted an agreement by unanimous consent to take up the suffrage legislation at an early date, but Senator Thompson, of Kansas, opposed any agreement for a vote before May. He explained that in the meantime he expected two-thirds of the States to declare for woman suffrage and that then it would be easier to pass the resolution through the Senate.

This did not seem to be satisfactory to Senator Ashurst, who stated that he intended to call up the suffrage amendment as soon as the postoffice appropriation bill was out of the way. Senator Thompson suggested that the date for a vote be fixed for May 1, instead of March 25, as Senator Reed declared. Mr. Ashurst demanded to know if any Senator was afraid to vote on the question.

Senator Reed declared that important appropriation bills and other legislation was pending and that he objected to fixing any date.

"If the Senator from Missouri would do less talking," declared Senator Ashurst, "the Senate would be able to pass some of this important legislation."

Resolution Goes Over. This angered Senator Reed, who started to rebuke Mr. Ashurst, whereupon Senator Martin interposed and his voice easily drowned the voices of the two Senators in the colloquy.

Mr. Ashurst declared that he knew the Senator from Missouri and the Senator from Arizona to be excellent men and urged Mr. Ashurst to withdraw the remark he had made concerning Mr. Reed.

The Senator from Arizona declined to do so. This did not serve to palliate Mr. Reed, who offered to place his record as a speaker on the floor of the Senate. Mr. Ashurst for purpose of comparison, Senator Martin continued to appeal to Mr. Ashurst to withdraw his remarks.

"I shall not," declared Mr. Ashurst. "I object to the further consideration of this matter at any definite time."

Senator Reed attacked the equal suffrage cause and gave offense to the suffragists, particularly by the way in which he referred to the eagerness of the women to get the ballot.

Mr. Reed's speech gave such offense to the Congressional committee of the National Woman Suffrage Association that Mrs. Antoinette Funk issued this statement last night:

War by Women to Come. "I wish that the stalwart men of Missouri might have heard the remarks of Senator Reed," said Mrs. Funk. "It is a sad day for our kind when the State and for the girls growing under a man expresses the contempt that he does for the mothers of all citizens."

Mrs. Funk closed with the following warning to Senator Reed: "If the visitation of political vengeance from the women."

"The women of this country have awakened up politically and are going to have something to say from now on about the type of man to be sent to Washington. It will not be hard for this Missouri Senator to get the consent of the men and women of his State to retire permanently into private life."

## MAN HANGED WAS VERGARA.

Body Found Suspended from Tree Fully Identified.

Laredo, Tex., Feb. 27.—United States Consul Garrett definitely established today that the man found hanging to a tree near Hidalgo, Mexico, several days ago was Clemente Vergara, an American citizen, who was kidnapped by Mexican federalists last Sunday.

Vergara ostensibly was being taken to Piedra Negra when he was executed.

## LANDSLIDE BURIES SCORES.

Many Missing in French Valley, Dammed by Earth.

Privas, France, Feb. 27.—Scores are missing as the result of a landslide today in the Peil River Valley.

A dam 400 feet long and 150 feet wide was thrown across the river by the slide.

## Fire Causes Loss of \$35,000.

Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Fire, which broke out in the three-story Benedict building in Broome street this afternoon, threatened the business section of the town. After burning out five firms, the fire was controlled. The loss was \$35,000.

## ZION CITY FORBIDS SMOKING.

Council of David's Municipality Passes Ordinance.

Zion City, Ill., Feb. 27.—A new law prohibiting the smoking of cigarettes, pipes, and cigars and the chewing of plug, strychnine, or scrap today was written on the statute books of the municipality which the late John Alexander Dowrie founded. The city council passed the ordinance.

The State Supreme Court recently held invalid a similar ordinance effective in Zion City. This time the council, to make the law hold, gave as a reason for its enforcement the great danger of disastrous fire being caused by smokers.

## JOBLESS MARCH ON CAPITAL.

Two Hundred Start from California to Ask Work of Congress.

Richmond, Cal., Feb. 27.—Two hundred unemployed men, equipped with blankets and cooking utensils, left here today on a march to Washington to petition Congress for work.

The men recruited at San Francisco, across the bay. On their arrival they were fed by the local authorities. The men expect to obtain ration from the various towns on the line of march.

## WIFE'S LOVE FOR CHUM "BROKE HIM ALL UP"

That's What Edward Rantoul Tells Divorce Jury While She Weeps and Smells Bottle.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 27.—That he had threatened suicide on one or two occasions, after the disclosure of his wife's love for his friend, Chester Runtill, and that it had depressed and "broke him all up," was the testimony today of Edward L. Rantoul in the divorce suit brought by his wife at Cambridge. He also stated that in an interview with Runtill, after a cruise during which his suspicions had been aroused, he had told Runtill "you can either blow your brains out or leave the country. I don't care which."

Mrs. Rantoul was unable to be present in the forenoon owing to illness, but she was on hand in the afternoon and listened to her husband's testimony as to his sufferings. A smelling bottle and frequent glasses of ice water were her companions.

As to Runtill, Rantoul declared him about his most intimate friend. "When he was abroad he left with me blank checks and the key to his safety vault. I was an usher at his sister's wedding, and his father's funeral," he testified.

"Once when he went away, he left me in charge of his yacht. Mr. Runtill came and went at my house as he would at his own. He had the latch key to my house and I had the latch key to his."

Other striking parts of Rantoul's story were: "I said to Mrs. Rantoul, 'Lois, I've heard you're being talked about in connection with "Clippie." I think it is a great pity. I am very glad to have you fond of my friends, but can't you arrange to see more of him when I am around?"

"The said Mrs. Rantoul, you want to know the real truth, don't you?" "Of course, I do," I told her.

"Well," she said, slowly, "Runtill and I are dead in love with each other and I've got to go with him."

## 79, HE WEDS COUSIN, 83.

Pennsylvanian Takes Up Spinster as Bride in London.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Feb. 27.—Charles William Whistler, of Mercer, Pa., seventy-nine years old, led to the altar today Harriet Portsmouth, spinster of Basingstoke, Hampshire, England, who gave her age as eighty-three. The wedding ceremony was performed in St. Margaret's Westminster, Canon Westlake, officiated.

Despite their advanced ages, both were extremely sprightly. The bride wore a charming mauve gown with a pretty bow to match and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley.

Mr. Whistler and his bride are cousins, and had been life-long friends. They became engaged last September.

## ELEVEN ARE KILLED IN PRISON REVOLT.

Convicts in Ecuador Slay Warden and Break Through Gates, but Encounter Soldiers.

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Feb. 27.—A revolt of prisoners and the resulting clash between the convicts and troops today resulted in the killing of eleven men and the wounding of thirteen others.

The prisoners first killed the warden of the prison, then broke through the gates, cheering for Col. Carlos Concha, rebel commander of Esmeraldas. The soldiers, called out at once, engaged in a struggle with the convicts and subdued them, but not before four soldiers and seven convicts were killed and seven soldiers and six convicts wounded.

## TO WED MAN SHE NEVER SAW.

New Jersey Girl Will Marry Photo-Lover in China.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 27.—To become the bride of Arthur G. Bowman, a man she has never seen, Miss Hazel Hulse will go to China in May. Bowman's heart was won when he saw the girl's photograph, which she sent to her brother, Aubrey Hulse, and to her uncle, Clarence Lovett. This was when the three Americans were struggling with the problems of custom regulations in China.

Correspondence followed and the letters became frequent. More photographs were dispatched, both ways, and then came the declarations of love and a proposal that was accepted. This was about two months ago, and now for the wedding the announcement of the engagement, Miss Hulse and her friends are preparing for her trip to the Orient.

## POW THREATENS JOHNSON'S POWER

Cloud of Dissension in House District Committee Growing Blacker.

BATTLE TO COME TODAY

George Taxation Bill, to Be Measure Over Which Fight Will Rage in Open.

By JOSEPH P. ANNIN.

Ben Johnson's absolute rule over the destinies of the House District Committee is again threatened by revolt. Today's meeting is liable to determine whether the committee shall write bills according to their ideas, or according to those of the chairman.

The George bill revising the methods of real estate assessment in the District is the measure over which the fight probably will be waged in the open. A test vote Thursday indicated a disposition on the part of a majority of the committee to follow Johnson and emasculate one of the few scientific, constructive pieces of legislation proposed by the House District Committee in three years.

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Located Tax Evil. Henry George, Jr., the latest victim of Johnson's rule of absolutism